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# INFORMATION NOTE ON PUBLICATIONS FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Note by the Secretariat

1. Following a review of conference room paper A/AC.240/1994/CRP.3/Rev.1, the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee requested additional information on the publication programme being prepared by the United Nations fiftieth anniversary secretariat. The present note has been prepared in accordance with that request.

## A. Supplementary educational materials on the United Nations

2. In support of the global teach-in being promoted for October 1995, supplementary educational materials are being developed as a joint project with the United Nations Association of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. These international kits will be produced for elementary, intermediate and secondary/high school age groups. The international kits will provide suggested topics, lesson plans and materials for teachers to use in leading studies about the United Nations and the issues on its global agenda. Their content will be multicultural and be suitable for use around the world.

3. In their use of these international kits, teachers can add local, national and regional tie-ins and examples of the issues and programmes raised. Customization and additional materials focusing on an individual Member State's involvement with the United Nations can also be included in special national editions based upon the international kits, should Member States wish to adapt the kit for local production.

4. Discussions are in progress seeking the best available terms for printing and distribution of this work world wide. The potential publisher is expected to undertake to print and arrange co-publication in at least the six official languages. The Trust Fund for the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration and the United Nations Association of the United Kingdom will receive royalties for these editions.

5. Proposals for locally printed editions tailored to special market requirements are welcome. These include editions using less expensive paper and binding, and editions in other languages. The English text, on magnetic media, and photographic layouts are expected to be available by early 1995, and will be provided at cost.

6. Royalties will be waived for reprints and customized editions for distribution in developing countries. Royalties will also be waived should any Member States wish to make reprints for free distribution to schools. A royalty and a small quantity of the special edition for archives and free distribution otherwise is expected.

7. Some funds will also be available to support translations and provision of the photographic layouts to Member States and their printers for distribution in developing countries.

## B. Pictorial Chronology of the United Nations

8. Using historic archival photographs from the United Nations system, this book will cover the first 50 years of the United Nations. Each photograph is described by a very brief caption. The book is being prepared by the New York firm of Smallwood and Stewart. The work is printed in four colours, in hard cover, with approximately 256 pages, 9" x 12" format.

9. A donation by Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hearst Jr. to the Foundation for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations covers the editorial costs and printing of a bilingual English/French edition of 7,500 copies. This edition will be ready in early spring 1995. The book is intended to be sold to the general public through bookstores.

10. Distribution of this English/French edition is sought on the best terms available. Potential distributors are expected to commit themselves to purchasing a quantity of the book at a standard commercial discount, and to assume the responsibility in their territory for storage, handling and publicity, subject to United Nations approval. The initial printing can be increased to accommodate firm orders.

11. Proposals for locally printed editions tailored to special market requirements are welcome. These include editions using less expensive paper and binding, and editions in other languages. A Polish edition is already under discussion.

12. The English/French text on magnetic media and photographic layouts are expected to be available by the end of January 1995, and will be provided at

cost. A royalty and a small quantity of the special edition for archives and presentation use is expected in return for authorization of each locally printed edition. Royalties can be waived for non-commercial distribution (such as libraries and schools) and for distribution in least developed countries.

C. Children's History of the United Nations

13. This book will be written, illustrated, designed and edited by an extensive network of young people from around the globe. Peace Child International, a foundation in the United Kingdom, is coordinating the project with the input of children from up to 100 countries. The work is printed in full colour with ample illustrations on each page, and has approximately 128 pages, 9" x 12" format. Cloth and hard cover editions are planned.

14. The Trust Fund for the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations is covering editorial costs. The text, illustrations and layout will be ready for production in April 1995. The initial editions are planned for June 1995.

15. The book is intended to be sold to the general public through regular trade bookstores and mail distribution.

16. Discussions are in progress seeking the best available terms for printing and distribution of this work world wide. The potential publisher is expected to undertake to print and arrange co-publication in at least the six official languages. The Trust Fund and Peace Child International will receive royalties for these editions.

17. Proposals for locally printed editions tailored to special market requirements are welcome. These include editions using less expensive paper and binding, and editions in other languages. The English text, on magnetic media, and photographic layouts are expected to be available by the end of April 1995, and will be provided at cost. Royalties can be waived for non-commercial distribution, such as libraries and schools, and for distribution in least developed countries. Otherwise, a royalty and a small quantity of the locally printed edition for archives and presentation use are expected in return for authorization of each such edition.

D. A Vision of Hope

18. This is a souvenir book for sale to the general public through news vendors and bookstores. It will present information about the goals and work of the United Nations through thematic, illustrated articles. Regency Publications Corporation will develop the text and print English, French and Spanish editions. The book will be in soft cover in A4 format, in full colour, with approximately 300 pages. The initial editions will appear in June 1995.

19. Editorial costs and printing of these three language editions have been assumed by Regency, which is seeking corporate image advertisements and statements of support for the United Nations. A share of the gross advertising and sales revenues go to the Trust Fund. Additional distribution of these

editions, and co-published editions in other languages, are being sought. Special national editions are possible, with additional signatures and special covers, if firm order quantities justify. Co-publishers must undertake translation, printing and distribution costs of their editions, and pay a royalty.

E. "My Wish is House" - Fifty Wishes from Kids around the World

20. This is the working title of a book being created by Jim Henson Productions, Inc., whose previous collaboration with the United Nations resulted in the book, For Every Child a Better World. This book will be a collection of 50 illustrated wishes, submitted by children aged 4 to 11 from around the world. It will provide a format for young children to voice their concerns about their world and their future, and will underline the United Nations longstanding commitment to these concerns. The book is expected to be translated into many languages.

21. The book is a project of Jim Henson Productions, which, with Western Publishing Company, is responsible for the initial English-language, North American edition. Interest in publication of editions for other languages and territories will be referred to Jim Henson Productions for consideration.

F. A Global Affair: An Inside Look at the United Nations and its History

22. This is an illustrated book directed to a general readership by the firm of Jones and Janello. It will include pictorial sections, anecdotes and cartoons, as well as essays by journalists who have covered the United Nations during its first 50 years. The book will be printed in four colours, with approximately 204 pages, 9" x 11.5" format, in hard and soft cover. Spring/summer 1995 availability is planned.

23. Jones and Janello have funded this book with foundation assistance. Jones and Janello have secured publishers for English, German and Dutch langauge editions, and are seeking additional language editions, including all other official languages.

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24. Inquiries about reprints, special editions or bulk purchases of any of these books should be directed in writing to the fiftieth anniversary secretariat.

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